

East Gloucestershire United Districts

(Comprising the Urban District of Cirencester
and the Rural Districts of Cirencester,
Northleach and Tetbury)

ANNUAL REPORT

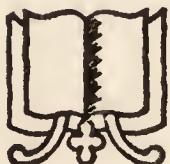
OF THE

Medical Officer of Health

FOR THE

YEAR

1946





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East Gloucestershire United Districts

28, Victoria Road,

CIRENCESTER.

July, 1947.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present my Report for the Year 1946.

There have been many disappointing delays in important Public Health schemes due to a multitude of causes. However, the strong desire to bring them into operation remains, and the many difficulties will be overcome.

The health of the districts continues to be good, and on the whole there is cause for quiet satisfaction.

I am,

Your Obedient Servant,

D. BARCLAY.

Medical Officer of Health.

Cirencester Rural District Council

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Dr. D. Barclay, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., Medical Officer of Health.
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Mr. Edward Denis Grant (appointed 1/6/46) } additional
Mr. Walter Kenneth Fripp (appointed 1/7/46) } Sanitary Insp's.

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area (acres)	82,790
Population, census 1931	12,205
,, (Registrar General) 1946	12,230
Number of inhabited houses, Census 1931	3,280
do. do. End of 1946	3,655
Rateable value	£72,733
Sum represented by 1d. rate	£303

RAINFALL

The rainfall for 1946 was 36.58 inches, as compared with 27.87 inches for 1945, thus showing an increase of 8.71 inches. This figure can be taken as being representative of the country within 5 miles of the Air Ministry Meteorological Office in Somerford Road, Cirencester.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR.

BIRTHS

LIVE BIRTHS :	M.	F.	Total
Total	119	115	234
Legitimate	109	110	219
Illegitimate	10	5	15

Birth Rate per 1,000 population : 19.13 (National Figure : 19.1)

STILL BIRTHS :	M.	F.	Total
Total	2	1	3
Legitimate	2	—	2
Illegitimate	—	1	1

Still Birth Rate per 1,000 population : 0.24 (National Figure 0.53)

Still Birth Rate per 1,000 Live Births : 12.8.

DEATHS :	M.	F.	Total
Total	67	70	137

Death Rate per 1,000 population : 11.2 (National Figure : 11.5)

No. of women dying in, or in consequence of childbirth : Nil.

Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age :

	M.	F.	Total
Total	4	5	9
Legitimate	4	5	9
Illegitimate	—	—	—

Deaths under 1 year per 1,000 Live Births : 38.46

(National Figure : 43).

Deaths from Measles (all ages) .. .. ..	..	..	..	nil
'', Whooping cough .. .. ..	..	..	..	nil
'', Diarrhoea (under 2 years) .. .. ..	..	..	..	2
'', Cancer .. .. ..	..	..	..	11

Average age at death, due to natural causes : 74.94

CAUSES OF DEATH, 1946.

DISEASE.	Male	Female	Total
Tuberculosis	3	4	7
Influenza	1	1	2
Cancer, all sites	6	5	11
Diabetes	—	1	1
Intra-Cranial Vascular lesions	15	9	24
Heart disease	19	21	40
Diseases of Circulatory system	1	5	6
Bronchitis	4	3	7
Pneumonia	1	3	4
Other resp. diseases	1	—	1
Ulcer of stomach or duodenum	1	1	2
Diarrhoea (under 2 years)	—	2	2
Appendicitis	—	2	2
Other digestive diseases	2	3	5
Nephritis	—	3	3
Premature birth	1	1	2
Con. mal., birth injuries, infant diseases	2	1	3
Suicide	1	—	1
Road Traffic Act	3	—	3
Other violent causes	1	—	1
All other causes	5	5	10
TOTAL			137

NOTIFICATIONS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

DISEASES..	Total notifications.	Admitted to hospital.
Scarlet Fever	9
Diphtheria	2
Chicken Pox	11
Measles	14
Pneumonia	13
Cerebro Spinal Fever	2
Dysentery	4
Malaria	3
Whooping cough	7
Erysipelas	1

ABSENCES IN SCHOOLS DUE TO INFECTIOUS CONDITIONS, 1946.

DISEASE.	No.	DISEASE.	No.
Scarlet Fever ..	..	1	Ringworm
Whooping cough ..	6		3
Measles ..	..	3	Jaundice
Chicken Pox ..	..	74	2
Mumps ..	..	6	Conjunctivitis
Scabies ..	..	6	I.A.T.
Impetigo ..	..	23	Influenza
Coughs, colds, etc.	..	46	Tonsilitis
			Pediculosis
			2
			1
			8

Total absences due to infectious conditions in Schools : 190.

Average weekly attendance : 1086.

Weekly percentage of absence due to Infectious conditions : .514%

TUBERCULOSIS.

Notifications of New Cases, 1946.			Deaths, 1946.		
Male	Female	Total.	Male.	Female.	Total.
3	5	8.	3	4	7

Of the 8 new cases of Tuberculosis notified in 1946, 5 were Pulmonary, 2 were neck glands, and one an infection of the knee joint. Three cases had treatment at Standish House, 4 were treated at home, and one went to a Sanatorium in North Wales.

CIRENCESTER JOINT INFECTIOUS DISEASES HOSPITAL.

Six patients from Cirencester Rural District were admitted during the year to the Joint Infectious Diseases Hospital, Cirencester. Five were treated for Scarlet Fever and 1 for Diphtheria.

PROTECTION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA.

The following are the total number of children who completed the two injections for protection against diphtheria.

0—4 years.	5—15 years.	TOTAL
101	32	133

Also during the year, 143 children under 15 years of age received a maintenance or reinforcing dose.

There were no cases of diphtheria during the year in children under 15 years of age.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES.

WATER SUPPLIES.

The area of the district supplied by statutory undertakings remained unchanged.

The schemes to provide a public piped supply of water in the villages of Siddington and Down Ampney were completed and the scheme to afford a public piped supply at Frampton Mansell and Sapperton was commenced.

The tender for the scheme for Brimspfield, Elkstone, Syde, Winstone, Duntisbourne Abbotts and Duntisbourne Leer, has been accepted and approval received from the Ministry of Health, in December, 1946.

Poulton, Kempsford and Driffield. A plan to provide a new line of water main to replace the existing main has been approved by the Council. Work on this scheme should commence by the same Contractor on the completion of the Sapperton Scheme.

South Cerney. Preliminary planning has been done by the Council's Consulting Engineer towards the provision of a main water supply for South Cerney, the water to be drawn by agreement from the Swindon Corporation main.

SAMPLES.

The results of fifteen samples from the Council's Undertakings were :—

- Satisfactory in 11 cases.
- Not entirely satisfactory in 2 cases.
- Fairly satisfactory in 1 case.
- Not satisfactory in one case.

Four water samples from private supplies were submitted to the Public Analyst with results as follows :—

Satisfactory for human consumption	1
Not entirely satisfactory for human consumption	1
Number of B. Coli too high	2

SEWERAGE SCHEMES.

No new works were undertaken by the Council and conditions remain as last year.

Cleansing of the sewage outfalls at Lechlade, North Cerney, and Barnsley were carried out by Contract, a mechanical emptier being used, during the year.

The possibility of a comprehensive scheme of sewerage for Fairford, Lechlade and Kempsford parishes was under consideration at the end of the year.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL.

Refuse collection in the 35 parishes was carried out by contract. The refuse tips in use are situated in disused Canal, Ewen Lane, Siddington, and in the gravel pits, London Road, Fairford. The tips were controlled by direct labour.

The Council during the year considered the question of carrying out refuse collection by direct labour and their own vehicles, but decided that the work should continue for a further period by contract.

SALVAGE continues to form part of the refuse collection contract and the following quantities of salvable materials were dealt with during the year :—

		Tons	Cwts.
Paper	..	24	9
Rags, etc.	..	4	3
Bones	..	1	9
Iron	..	Nil	
Non-ferrous metals		Nil.	

NEW BUILDING.

Plans respecting the following work were submitted to the Council :

New Houses	..	..	..	..	..	15
Alterations or additions to dwellings	..	..	..	..	..	44
Conversion of houses to form flats	..	..	..	..	..	7
Conversion of other buildings into dwelling houses	..	..	..	..	..	7
Conversion of 3 disused cottages into 2	..	..	..	..	..	1
Drainage improvements	..	..	..	..	..	9
Sheds, etc.	..	..	..	..	..	10
Garages	..	..	..	..	..	11
Temporary dwellings	..	..	..	..	..	2
Additions to Schools	..	..	..	..	..	4
New Agricultural Buildings	..	..	..	..	..	5
Alterations to Cowsheds and Dairies	..	..	..	..	..	4
Alterations to other Farm buildings	..	..	..	..	..	3
Erection of factory	..	..	..	..	..	1
Erection of Workshop	..	..	..	..	..	1
Alterations to Bakehouse	..	..	..	..	..	1
Alterations to Offices	..	..	..	..	..	1
New Automatic Telephone Exchange	..	..	..	..	..	1
New Telephone Kiosks	..	..	..	..	..	3
New Petrol Storage tank	..	..	..	..	..	1
Conversion of Garage into Gymnasium	..	..	..	..	..	1
Erection of Fish Shops	..	..	..	..	..	3
Alterations to Reading Room	..	..	..	..	..	1
Proposed Hut for Men's Club	..	..	..	..	..	1

BUILDING LICENCES.

457 applications have been received ; 378 Building Licences have been issued amounting to £52,937. In addition, 10 Maintenance Licences were issued. 10 certificates of Essentiality were issued in respect of applications dealt with by the Ministry of Works.

HOUSING.

COUNCIL HOUSES.

Houses provided by the Council now number 266.

333 complaints from Council House tenants were received and dealt with.

HOUSING SURVEY.

Work on the Housing Survey continued throughout the year, 2,073 inspections being carried out.

INSPECTIONS AND SUPERVISION OF FOODS.

Number of registered cowsheds	220
Number of cowsheds inspected	69
Total number of inspections	84

Non-compliance with provisions of Milk & Dairies Order, 1926, was observed in 26 instances, all of which were dealt with by informal action.

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

The following unsound food was condemned as unfit for human consumption :

Meat	26 lb.
Canned meat	7 "
Canned Fish	6 "
Other canned foods	74 "
Fruit	137 "
Cheese	7 "
Flour	210 "
Other Cereal Products	40 "
Lentils	4 "

SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS, ETC. CARRIED OUT.

Total Inspections made	3907
Number of complaints dealt with	102
Nuisances found	106
Nuisances abated	84
Nuisances reported to the Council	3
Statutory Notices served	1
Preliminary Notices served	81
Inspections under Housing Act (Survey)	2073
Samples of water submitted for analysis :	
(a) Public supplies	15
(b) Private supplies	4
Properties connected to Council's water mains	17
Houses disinfected	11
Houses repaired (excluding Council Houses)	183
Infectious Disease Inspections	47
Council Houses repaired	258
Inspections of Water Mains, etc.	278
Inspections of Sewage and Drainage works	130
Inspections in connection with Refuse Disposal	108
Inspections of Factories	51

Inspections of Bakehouses	3
Inspections of Cowsheds and Dairies	84
Inspections of Food Premises	39
Inspections of work in progress	250
New Building Inspections	351
Miscellaneous	238
Inspections under the Public Health Acts	128
Revisits under the Public Health Act and Housing Act	88
Inspections under the Shops Act	39

FACTORIES ACT, 1937.

1. Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors).

PREMISES.	No. on Inspec- register.	Written tions.	Occupiers notices.	Prosecuted.
(i) Factories in which sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	23	54	5	Nil.
(ii) Factories not included in (i), to which section 7 applies :				
(a) Subject to Local Authority : (Transfer of Enforcement) Order 1938		Nil.		
(b) Others	52			
(iii) Other premises under the Act (excluding out-workers premises)	Nil.			
TOTAL	75			

2. CASES in which DEFECTS were found :

PARTICULARS.	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M.	By H.M.	No. of cases in which Inspector. Inspector. pros. were inst.
Want of cleanliness	5	4	Nil	Nil.	Nil
		(one in progress)			
TOTAL	5	4	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.

OUTWORK. (Sections 110 & 111)

SECTION 110.

Nature of work.	No. of out-workers in August list required by Section 110 (1) (c)	No. of cases in default in sending lists to the Council.	No. of prosecutions.
Wearing Apparel : making, etc.	2	Nil.	Nil.
TOTAL	2	Nil.	Nil.

SECTION 111. Nil.

Northleach Rural District Council

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Building Surveyor.
Mr. E. I. Ellis, Assistant to Sanitary Inspector.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area (acres)	74,912
Population, Census 1931	7,761
do. Registrar General, 1946	7,330
No. of inhabited houses, Census, 1931	2,212
do. end of 1946	2,315
Rateable Value	£36,343
Sum represented by 1d. rate	£143

RAINFALL.

The Rainfall for the year was 35.23 inches as compared with 25.74 inches for 1945, thus giving an increase of 9.49 inches.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR.

BIRTHS.

LIVE BIRTHS :	M.	F.	Total
Total	70	50	120
Legitimate	58	45	103
Illegitimate	12	5	17

Birth Rate per 1,000 population : 16.37 (National Figure : 19.1)

STILL BIRTHS :	M.	F.	Total
Total	4	2	6
Legitimate	4	2	6
Illegitimate	—	—	—

Still Birth rate per 1,000 population : 0.82 (National Figure: 0.53)

Still Birth rate per 1,000 Live Births : 50.

DEATHS.

		M.	F.	Total
Total	.. .. ..	40	52	92

Death rate per 1,000 population : 12.5 (National Figure : 11.5)

No. of women dying in consequence of childbirth : nil.

Deaths of infants under 1 year of age :

		M.	F.	Total
Total	—	4	4
Legitimate	—	4	4
Illegitimate	—	—	—

Deaths under 1 year per 1,000 Live Births : 33.3

(National Figure : 43)

Deaths from :—

Measles	.. .. ..	nil.
Whooping cough	.. .. ..	nil.
Diarrhoea (under 2 years)		nil.
Cancer	.. .. ..	16

Average age at death due to natural causes : 73.44.

CAUSES OF DEATH, 1946.

DISEASE.		Male	Female	Total.
Tuberculosis	.. .. ..	3	—	3
Cancer, all sites	.. .. ..	5	11	16
Diabetes	.. .. ..	—	2	2
Intra Cranial Vascular Lesions	.. .. ..	7	6	13
Heart Disease	.. .. ..	14	18	32
Other dis. of circ. system	.. .. ..	—	1	1
Bronchitis	.. .. ..	1	3	4
Pneumonia	.. .. ..	2	2	4
Appendicitis	.. .. ..	1	—	1
Other digestive diseases	.. .. ..	—	1	1
Nephritis	.. .. ..	—	1	1
Premature birth	.. .. ..	—	2	2
Con. mal. birth injuries inf. dis.	.. .. ..	—	1	1
Road Traffic Act	.. .. ..	2	2	4
Other Violent causes	.. .. ..	1	—	1
All other causes	.. .. ..	4	2	6

NOTIFICATIONS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

DISEASE.				Total notifications.	Admitted to hospital
Scarlet Fever	..	..	..	8	7
Pneumonia ..	..	..	..	11	—
Malaria ..	..	..	..	1	—
Whooping cough	..	..	..	7	—
Erysipelas	..	..	..	3	—

ABSENCE IN SCHOOLS DUE TO INFECTIOUS CONDITIONS, 1946.

DISEASE.	No.	DISEASE.	No.
Whooping Cough	.. 37	Coughs, colds, etc.	.. 16
Measles ..	.. 2	Ringworm	.. 1
German Measles ..	.. 2	I.A.T.	.. 2
Chicken Pox ..	.. 6	Mumps	.. 16
Scabies ..	.. 7	Impetigo	.. 4
Pediculosis ..	.. 1		
		TOTAL	94

Weekly percentage of absence due to infectious conditions : .456%

TUBERCULOSIS.

Notification of new cases, 1946.			Deaths, 1946.		
M.	F.	Total	M.	F.	Total
2	1	3	3	—	3

Three new cases were notified in 1946, and all were Pulmonary. Two received treatment at Standish House, and one has since left the district.

JOINT INFECTIOUS DISEASES HOSPITAL, CIRENCESTER.

Seven patients from the Northleach Rural District were admitted to the Joint Infectious Diseases Hospital, Cirencester. All were suffering from Scarlet Fever.

PROTECTION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA.

The following are the total number of children who completed the two injections for protection against diphtheria :

0—4 years.	5—15 years.	Total
68	6	74

Also during the year 18 children under 15 years of age received a maintenance or reinforcing dose.

There were no cases of diphtheria during the year in children under 15 years of age.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES.

The Sanitary circumstances remain unchanged from 1945. There is a decrease in the population of almost 200 on the 1945 figure which is in the main due to the return to their homes of the remaining evacuees.

WATER SUPPLIES.

Northleach parish is the only one with a general water supply, which also serves a small portion of Eastington Parish adjoining Northleach. The total population served is approximately 800. This supply is derived from springs which feed a low level reservoir of 14,000 gallons capacity. From this reservoir it is pumped to a higher level reservoir of 20,000 gallons capacity, and from there it gravitates to all parts of the area served. The source of supply is the original which was put into use some 60 years ago, no additional source having been added. The demand has greatly increased and when the Spring is low it is difficult to meet the demand, and on occasions the supply has to be cut off during the night.

The Council agreed upon a comprehensive water scheme, prepared by their Consulting Engineers, at a total cost of £373,600. This scheme covers the whole area and will serve every parish. The supply is to be obtained from two sources, The Swan Spring, Bibury, and Syreford Springs, Whittington. These have been measured over a period of six months in what proved to be a drought year; the highest yield at Bibury was January, 1946, at 1,300,000 gallons per day, and the lowest yield being in December, 1945, at 600,000 gallons per day. The figures for Syreford were : highest yield 910,000 gallons per day January 1946, and the lowest

yield 80,000 gallons per day in December, 1945. Some existing reservoirs will be utilised, but new ones will also be required.

SAMPLES.

During the year, 11 samples of water were sent to the Public Analyst for examination and report, the results were as follows :—

Satisfactory in 1 case.

Fairly satisfactory in 4 cases.

Totally unfit in 6 cases.

Suitable action was taken where reports showed the water to be unsatisfactory.

SEWAGE AND DRAINAGE.

There are no sewers or sewage works in the district. The majority of properties are drained into cesspools or septic tanks. The Council's Consulting Engineers prepared a comprehensive scheme for the whole of the district, to cost £362,100.

A small sewage works is being prepared for a site of 14 Council Houses at Withington. This will also take about another 20 houses in the vicinity.

The scheme was sub-divided, on an urgency basis, into sections to enable parts of the scheme to be put into operation as circumstances permit.

REFUSE COLLECTION.

Considerable progress has been made in this direction. In May, 1946, a 4 cub. yard tipping lorry was purchased, and a commencement made by the Council to collect refuse by direct labour. By the end of the year the refuse of all the parishes, except Northleach, Eastleach, Southrop, Withington, and Yanworth, was being collected by the Council. Five Tips have been acquired for tipping purposes, but one or two further tips will be required when the whole area is covered. The Council have on order a second refuse collecting vehicle.

Consideration has been given to the provision of dustbins, and the Council decided to encourage occupiers to use suitable bins by purchasing a quantity and reselling them at cost price.

RIVER POLLUTION.

No complaints were received during the year, and none were found on inspection.

INSPECTIONS.

Numbers inspected of each of the following :—

	<i>No. on Register.</i>	<i>No.</i>	<i>Total No. of inspections.</i>
	<i>Inspected.</i>		
Butcher's premises	6	6	78
Bakehouses	8	8	37
Dairies & cowsheds	120	120	139

During the year the following articles of food were condemned as unfit for human consumption :—

Butter	..	..	1 $\frac{1}{4}$ lb.	Suet	..	9 lb.
Prunes	..	..	25 lb.	Dried fruit	..	5 $\frac{1}{4}$ lb.
Cheese	..	..	11 $\frac{3}{4}$ lb.	Gooseberry Jam	..	9 lb.
Dates	..	..	143 lb.	45 tins of various food.		
5 stone ling				2 boxes kippers		
1 box Haddock						

There are no food or ice cream manufacturers in the area.

FACTORIES ACT, 1937.

Inspections : for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors).

PREMISES.	No. on register.	Inspec- tions.	No. of written notices.	No. of Occupiers prosecuted.
1. Factories in which sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6, are to be enforced by Local Authorities ..	60	60	—	—
2. Factories not included in (1) to which Section 7 applies—				
(a) Subject to Local Authority. (Transfer of Enforcement) Order, 1938 ..	5	5	—	—
(b) Others				
3. Other premises under the Act (excluding out-workers' premises)				
TOTAL	65	65	—	—

Cases in which defects were found : Nil.

HOUSING GENERALLY.

The number of Council Houses occupied is 48. Two further houses are under construction at Cold Aston, but progress is slow. During the year, 5 further sites were acquired by the Council for 20 houses.

The repair and maintenance of Council Houses is done by contract.

Complaints received during the year numbered 25. These were investigated and any necessary action taken. Two Statutory Notices were served and the necessary work was carried out.

INSPECTION OF HOUSES.

The total number of houses inspected under the Rural Housing Survey at the end of the year, was 2,023 leaving a total of 34 houses to be inspected.

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GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area (acres)	5,844
Population (1931 Census)	7,203
Population (Registrar General) 1946	10,900
Number of inhabited houses, Census 1931	1,886
" " " " end of 1946	2,493
Rateable value	£67,755
Sum represented by a penny rate	£270

RAINFALL.

During the year the Rainfall was 36.58 inches, which is an increase of 8.71 inches over 1945. The figure quoted can be taken as being representative of the district within a radius of 5 miles.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR.

BIRTHS.

LIVE BIRTHS :	M.	F.	Total
Total	128	106	234
Legitimate	114	100	214
Illegitimate	14	6	20

Birth rate per 1,000 population : 21.47 (National Figure : 19.1)

STILL BIRTHS :	M.	F.	Total
Total	2	5	7
Legitimate	2	5	7

Still Birth Rate per 1,000 population : 0.64 (National Figure: 0.53)

" " " " 1,000 Live Births : 29.91.

DEATHS.

		M.	F.	Total
Total	..	54	60	114

Death Rate per 1,000 population : 10.46 (National Figure : 11.5)

Number of women dying in, or in consequence of, childbirth : 1.

Deaths of infants under 1 year of age :

		M.	F.	Total
Total	..	5	1	6
Legitimate	..	4	1	5
Illegitimate	..	1	—	1

Deaths under 1 year per 1,000 Live Births : 25.64

(National Figure : 43).

Deaths from :—

Measles (all ages)	..	nil.
Whooping cough	..	nil.
Diarrhoea (under 2 yrs.)		nil.
Cancer	..	13

Average age at death due to natural causes :—70.5 years.

CAUSES OF DEATH, 1946.

DISEASE.		Male	Female	Total
Diphtheria	..	—	2	2
Tuberculosis	..	3	—	3
Influenza	..	2	—	2
Cancer, all sites	..	6	7	13
Intra Cranial Vascular Lesions	..	4	14	18
Heart Disease	..	13	17	30
Other dis. of circ. system	..	2	—	2
Bronchitis	..	1	2	3
Pneumonia	..	5	1	6
Resp. Diseases	..	1	1	2
Digestive Diseases	..	1	3	4
Nephritis	..	3	3	6
Maternal causes	..	—	1	1
Con. mal., birth inj., infant dis.	..	2	—	2
Suicide	..	1	—	1
Other violent causes	..	—	2	2
All other causes	..	10	7	17
	TOTAL	54	60	114

NOTIFICATIONS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

DISEASES.	Total notifications.	Admitted to hospital.
Diphtheria ..	5	3
Observation ..	—	5
Scarlet Fever ..	5	4
Malaria ..	2	—
Dysentery ..	7	—
Measles ..	13	—
Whooping Cough ..	25	—
Influenza ..	2	—
Pneumonia ..	4	—
Chicken Pox ..	15	—
Cerebro Spinal Meningitis ..	1	1
Erysipelas ..	1	—

ABSENCES IN SCHOOLS DUE TO INFECTIOUS CONDITIONS.

DISEASE.	No.	DISEASE.	No.
Scarlet Fever ..	2	Impetigo ..	.. 7
Whooping cough ..	25	Pediculosis ..	.. 18
Diphtheria ..	2	Jaundice ..	.. 1
German Measles ..	4	Conjunctivitis ..	.. 1
Chicken Pox ..	76	I.A.T. ..	.. 1
Mumps ..	3	Scabies ..	.. 12

Total absences due to infectious conditions in schools : 152.

Average weekly attendance : 1032.

Weekly percentage of absence due to infectious conditions : .43

TUBERCULOSIS.

<i>Notification of New Cases.</i>			<i>Deaths.</i>		
M.	F.	Total	M.	F.	Total
7	7	14	3	—	3

Of the 14 cases notified during 1946, 12 were pulmonary, one the knee joint, and one the hip joint. 2 were treated at Standish House, 3 were ex-services and were treated at Service Hospitals, 2 left the district, and 7 were treated at home.

JOINT INFECTIOUS DISEASES HOSPITAL.

During the year the total number of admissions to the Joint Infectious Diseases Hospital, Cirencester, was 39 : 12 being patients from the Cirencester Urban District. 8 were cases of suspected diphtheria, but 5 were unconfirmed; 4 were cases of Scarlet Fever; 6 cases were admitted from Cirencester Rural District, 13 from Tetbury Rural District, 7 from Northleach, and one from Ashton Keynes.

PROTECTION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA.

The following are the total number of children who completed the two injections for protection against Diphtheria, during 1946 :—

0—4 years	5—15 years	Total
129	83	212

Also during the year 137 children under 15 years of age received a maintenance or reinforcing dose.

There was only one case of diphtheria during the year in children under 15 years of age who had been immunised.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES.

WATER SUPPLY.

The supply of water from the Council's works at Baunton has continued to be satisfactory for both quality and quantity.

The supply is continuously chlorinated, and four samples tested during the year were found to be of a very high degree of purity.

During the year 30 new connections were made to the Town's mains.

The number of houses served by the water supply is 2,509, and this is estimated to serve a population of 11,500.

Four samples of water were taken from shallow wells in the town, serving eleven properties. The Analyst's reports showed that in each case the water was unfit for human consumption, and the owners were asked to provide a proper supply of water from the Town's mains.

In ten cases water has been laid on, and in the remaining case

the owner has agreed to carry out the work, but is having difficulty in obtaining the necessary materials.

SWIMMING BATHS.

The public continued to use the swimming baths, which again proved very popular. No difficulties were experienced in the continued maintenance of a satisfactory water.

CLEANSING.

The collection of house refuse was continued on a twice weekly basis, and the following salvable materials were disposed of during the year.

	Tons	Cwts.
Paper	..	123
Rags..	..	1
Bones	..	—
Kitchen Waste	..	101
Bottles	..	4
Metals	..	4

WASTE FOOD.

Waste Food collected from the houses in the town and the camps in the district, has been sterilized at the Council's Depot, and there has been a great demand for this for pig food.

The Sterilizing plant has been overhauled during the year, and is working satisfactorily.

SEWAGE AND DRAINAGE.

The scheme for re-laying the public sewer from Siddington Road to the Shorncote Sewage Farm has not been started, but it has received the approval of the Ministry of Health.

The consulting Engineers are dealing with this, and it is expected that the work will be commenced in 1947.

RIVERS AND STREAMS.

The rivers and streams in the district have been inspected frequently, and no evidence of pollution has been observed during the course of the year. Special attention has been paid to the Daglingworth stream, where there have been previous cases of pollution due to the effluent from the Sewage Works, serving the camps in the Park.

Although several of the streams required cleaning out, no Nuisance has been observed.

SANITARY INSPECTIONS.

1. Total Inspections made	2412
2. Number of complaints dealt with	147
3. Nuisances found	82
4. Nuisances abated	59
5. Re-inspections	123
6. Statutory Notices served	9
7. Preliminary Notices served	80
9. Building Inspections (Council Houses)	1506
9. Drain Test and inspections	95
10. Housing Inspections	831
11. Dairies and Cowsheds	48

SHOPS ACTS.

Under the Shops Act, 1934, thirty visits were made, and in two cases the occupiers were asked to provide more adequate Sanitary Accommodation.

One firm was called upon to provide proper heating.

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS.

96 inspections were made. This includes inspections of Bakehouses, which have been visited twice during the year.

The Occupiers of three Bakehouses were called upon to do the usual limewashing and cleansing, and they have all been kept in a clean and good condition in accordance with the requirements of the Factory Act.

FOOD PREPARING PREMISES.

A total of 64 visits have been made to the nineteen Registered Premises in the town, and these, generally speaking, have been kept in a clean condition. The Occupiers of five of the premises were called upon to deal with the internal decoration of the premises.

ICE CREAM PREMISES.

25 visits have been paid to the twelve Registered Ice Cream Premises and these have all been kept in a clean and satisfactory condition.

DAIRIES AND COWSHEDS.

The Council issued Licences as set out below, under the Milk (Special Designations) Order, during the year.

1 Pasteurising Licence.

4 Licences to Bottle Tuberculin Tested Milk.

One application for a Bottling Licence was withheld until a proper sink had been provided in the Sterilizing Room and the Electric Motor and Machinery to the Refrigerator in the Bottling Room had been screened off and the proper clip caps had been provided under the Order.

Twenty-one samples of milk were taken during the course of the year, and nine of these were unsatisfactory from a cleanliness point of view. Each case was investigated and steps taken to remedy this.

The Pasteurising plant in the district has been inspected, and although it is of a very old type, it continues to pasteurise the milk satisfactorily.

SMOKE ABATEMENT.

Several observations have been made of the chimneys of the Flour Mill near the centre of the town, but no nuisance was observed. The firm in question has installed a special apparatus to the boilers in order to prevent any Smoke Nuisance, and this appears to be working satisfactorily.

RATS AND MICE (DESTRUCTION) ACT, 1919.

As in the previous year, the Gloucestershire County Council have been attending to complaints of Rats and Mice in the Urban District. A considerable number of inspections and cases of infestation have been dealt with, and the work is being carried out satisfactorily.

The scheme for the Disinfestation of Sewers has continued during the year.

MOVABLE DWELLINGS.

No new sites were licensed during the year. The Watermoor Site which was vacated in the previous year, has been occupied again from time to time for short periods, which is permitted by the Act. In most cases the Occupiers of the caravans have been

members of the Showman's Guild, and were exempt from the Regulation.

DISINFESTATION OF PREMISES.

One Farm Cottage was dealt with for Flea Infestation, and there have been no other cases needing attention.

NUISANCES UNDER THE PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS.

Eighty-two Nuisances were observed during the course of the year. Fifty-nine of these were abated, and steps were being taken to secure the abatement of the remaining cases. No prosecutions were necessary.

Although in many cases the responsible persons have been willing to carry out the work, considerable difficulty was experienced in obtaining the required materials. This was mainly due to general shortages and the question of controlled materials. More time has, therefore, had to be given to these people in order to allow them to abate the Nuisance.

HOUSING ACTS.

Some 831 visits have been made to houses in the town to ascertain the Sanitary Circumstances of the dwellings. These were mostly in connection with Applications for Council Houses, and the properties were surveyed for Overcrowding.

No notices were served under the Housing Acts, but all matters requiring attention were dealt with under the Public Health Acts.

During the year a survey was started to ascertain the number of premises of the back-to-back type of house without any through ventilation, which would be likely to be represented for Demolition at a later date.

SLAUGHTERHOUSE AND MEAT INSPECTION.

Three Slaughterhouses were licensed during the year. Of these, two were used as Government Slaughterhouses and the other one was the Bacon Factory in the town.

Sixteen Slaughtermen's Licences were issued under the Slaughter of Animals Act, 1933.

904 visits were made to the Slaughterhouses and Bacon Factory during the year for the purpose of examining meat, and the following were slaughtered :—

1591 Beasts	2434 Calves.
7283 Sheep.	16909 Pigs.

As this is a farming area, quite a number of casualties come into the slaughterhouses, and these account for much of the amount of condemned meat.

With regard to the Bacon Factory, 16,909 pigs were killed, and 8,258 were examined.

The occupiers of the Slaughterhouses and Bacon Factory continue to co-operate and give every facility for the examination of carcasses.

The total amount of meat condemned during the year was 18 tons, 13 cwts., 13 lbs., including the carcasses of 26 beasts, 36 sheep, 21 pigs and 5 calves.

OTHER FOODS.

Inspections are made from time to time of the Food Shops in the town, and in certain instances complaints are received from the Occupiers. The following have been found to be unfit for human consumption.

Dried fruit ..	105 lbs.	Mushroom Ketchup ..	3 bot.
Lemon Curd ..	2 lbs.	Peas ..	80 lbs.
Dates ..	70 lbs.	Harricot Beans ..	56 lbs.
Semolina ..	10 $\frac{1}{4}$ lbs.	Sausages and Sausage Meat ..	72 lbs.
Macaroni ..	35 lbs.	Brawn ..	9 $\frac{3}{4}$ lb.
Sugar ..	40 lbs.	Cooked Meat ..	13 lbs.
Custard Powder	186 lbs.	Pork Pies (4 ozs.) ..	60
Flour ..	12 lbs.	Bacon ..	24 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.
“All-bran” Cereal	39 pkts.	Kippers ..	60 lbs.
Soup Powder ..	105 pkts.	Wet Fish ..	396 lbs.
Biscuit Meal ..	1 cwt.		

250 tins of Corned Beef (576 lbs.) at the Wholesale Meat Suppliers Association Depot (Ministry of Food) were found to be unsound.

FACTORIES ACT, 1937.

Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors).

PREMISES.	No. on register	Inspect- ions.	Written notices.	Occupiers prosecuted.
i. Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	39			
ii. Factories not included in i., to which section 7 applies :				
(a) Subject to the Local Authorities (Transfer of Enforcement) Order 1938	33			
(b) Others.				
TOTAL	72	—	—	—

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

PARTICULARS.	Found.	Remedied.	Referred to H.M. Inspectors.	By H.M. Inspectors.
Want of cleanliness	6	6	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences :				
(a) insufficient				
(b) Unsuitable or defective	1	—		
TOTAL	7	6	—	—

OUTWORK. Sections 110 and 111.

SECTION 110.

	No. of out-workers in August list required by section 110 (1) (c).	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council.	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists.
Wearing apparel : Making, etc.	5	—	—
TOTAL	5	—	—

SECTION 111. Nil

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GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area, acres	31,781
Population, Census, 1931	5,932
do. (Registrar General) 1946	5,793
Number of Inhabited Houses Census 1931				..	1,664
" " " " Census 1946				..	1,670
Rateable Value	..	..	..	..	£28,935
Sum represented by a penny rate			..	..	£124

RAINFALL.

The rainfall for the year was 32.91 inches as compared with 26.14 inches for 1945, thus showing an increase of 6.77 inches.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR.

BIRTHS.

LIVE BIRTHS		M.	F.	Total
Total	..	59	52	111
Legitimate	..	56	49	105
Illegitimate	..	3	3	6

Birth Rate per 1,000 population : 19.16 (National Figure : 19.1)

STILL BIRTHS		M.	F.	Total
Total	..	2	1	3
Legitimate	..	2	—	2
Illegitimate	..	—	1	1

Still Birth Rate per 1,000 population: 0.52 (National Figure: 0.53)

Still Birth Rate per 1,000 Live Births : 27

DEATHS.

		M.	F.	Total
Total	30	33

Death Rate per 1,000 population : 10.87 (National Figure : 11.5)

No. of women dying in consequence of childbirth : nil.

Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age :

		M.	F.	Total
Total	1	—
Legitimate	1	—

Deaths under 1 year per 1,000 Live Births : 9.

(National Figure : 43).

Deaths from :—	Measles (all ages	nil
	Whooping cough	nil
	Diarrhoea	
	(under 2 years)	nil
	Cancer	..
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Average age at Death due to Natural Causes : 69.5 years.

CAUSES OF DEATH, 1946.

DISEASE.		M.	F.	TOTAL
Tuberculosis	..	..	2	1
Influenza	..	..	—	1
Cancer, all sites	..	..	7	4
Intra Cranial Vascular Lesions	..	2	4	6
Heart Disease	..	..	12	16
Circulatory Diseases	..	..	—	2
Bronchitis	..	..	—	4
Digestive Diseases	..	..	1	—
Nephritis	..	..	—	1
Con. Mal. birth inj., infant diseases	..	1	—	1
All other causes	..	..	5	—

NOTIFICATIONS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

				Total notifications.	Admitted to hospital.
Scarlet Fever ..	..	..	..	12	12
Diphtheria ..	..	..	..	1	1
Pneumonia ..	..	..	..	4	—
Undulant Fever ..	..	..	..	1	1
Puerperal Pyrexia ..		..	..	2	2
Dysentery ..	..	..	..	1	—
Whooping Cough ..	..	..	..	2	—
Measles ..	..	..	..	2	—

ABSENCES IN SCHOOLS DUE TO INFECTIOUS CONDITIONS.

DISEASE.	No.	DISEASE.	No.
Scarlet Fever ..	.. 7	Pediculosis ..	.. 10
Whooping Cough ..	3	Coughs, colds, etc. ..	17
Diphtheria ..	1	I.A.T. ..	2
Chicken Pox ..	111	Influenza ..	5
Mumps ..	5	Tonsilitis ..	3
Scabies ..	4	Sceptic Finger ..	1
Impetigo ..	15		

<i>Total absences due to infectious conditions</i>	<i>184</i>
<i>Average weekly attendance</i>	<i>486</i>
<i>Weekly percentage of absences due to infectious conditions</i>	<i>1.1</i>

TUBERCULOSIS.

<i>Notifications of New Cases.</i>			<i>Deaths.</i>		
M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total
4	1	5	2	1	3

Of the 5 new cases notified during the year, 4 were pulmonary and one an infection of the abdomen.

CIRENCESTER JOINT INFECTIOUS DISEASES HOSPITAL.

Thirteen patients from the Tetbury Rural District were admitted during the year to the Joint Infectious Diseases Hospital, Cirencester. Twelve were treated for Scarlet Fever and one for Diphtheria.

PROTECTION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA.

The following are the total number of children who completed the two injections for protection against diphtheria :—

0—4 years.	5—15 years.	Total.
91	12	103

Only one case of diphtheria in children under 15 years occurred during the year.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES.

WATER SUPPLY.

The new electric borehole pump of 12,000 gallons per hour capacity has been fixed in No. 2 Borehole in place of the temporary submersible borehole pump and is working satisfactorily. The work was carried out by The Harland Engineering Co. Ltd., of Alloa, under the supervision of Messrs. Ross Hooper & Harvey, the Council's Consulting Engineers. Pumping levels have not been affected and the works now have a pumping capacity of 20,000 gallons per hour.

During the year, 24 million gallons of water were pumped from the boreholes, approximately 23 million gallons being supplied to the parish of Tetbury with an average daily consumption of 63,000 gallons, equal to 27 gallons per head of the population. Babdown R.A.F. Station took $1\frac{1}{4}$ million gallons giving an average daily consumption of 3,400 gallons which is about one quarter of the previous year's average.

The 691 houses in the parish are supplied from the Council's undertaking, with few exceptions by tap in the house.

Five samples were taken during the year, all of which were satisfactory.

Didmarton. This parish is supplied by the West Gloucestershire Water Company, Ltd., and 90 of the 99 properties have a

piped supply from the Company. The remainder are fed from private supplies by standpipes or direct connections.

Long Newton. This parish is partly supplied by the West Gloucestershire Water Co. Ltd. About 15 of the 71 properties have direct supplies and 16 by standpipes. The remainder are fed from private supplies and wells.

Shipton Moyne. The West Gloucestershire Water Co. Ltd., supply the parish and of the 89 properties in the parish approximately 40 have direct connections, and 30 are supplied by standpipe, while scattered cottages rely on shallow wells.

Beverston. The Council have, during the year, negotiated with the Air Ministry to purchase the 4 inch water main passing through the village to supply the R.A.F. Station, Babdown, and subject to satisfying the Ministry of Health on certain matters, the main, pumps, and water tower will be taken over in the coming year. In the meantime, arrangements have been made for farms and farm cottages to be supplied from this main by meter, and in this way one farm and five cottages have been connected up, and the water taken inside. Two standpipes were also provided in the village for the use of all villagers for domestic purposes.

The remaining eight parishes are supplied by small private supplies, wells and springs which are either unsatisfactory or incapable of carrying any increased demand.

Three samples of springs supplying properties in Avening were taken during the year. One was satisfactory and the other two were not entirely satisfactory.

On the recommendations of the Gloucestershire County Council's Consulting Engineer certain amendments have been made to the proposed water supply scheme prepared by Messrs. Ross, Hooper & Harvey, of Chippenham, and have been forwarded to the Ministry of Health for their observations. The amendments are in respect of the parishes of Kingscote and Boxwell-with-Leighterton, which were to be supplied by Private Supplies and The West Gloucestershire Water Co. Ltd., respectively. It is now intended to supply these parishes from the Council's water undertaking at Tetbury by boosting from the Babdown water tower to a new reservoir at Kingscote from which the water will gravitate to both parishes.

During the year 687 inspections were made in connection with water supplies.

SEWAGE AND DRAINAGE.

A small extension of the sewers in Tetbury was carried out during the year to drain the Council's Lowfield Road Housing Site, where thirty-two new houses are being erected.

The Council approved a draft scheme for the drainage of eleven parishes as prepared by Messrs. Ross, Hooper & Harvey, the Council's Consulting Engineers, who were requested to prepare the details necessary for submission to the Ministry of Health.

The Tetbury sewage disposal works have been satisfactory during the year.

145 inspections were made in connection with sewage and drainage.

PUBLIC CLEANSING.

House Refuse.

Refuse is collected in all parishes other than Ashley, Ozleworth and Westonbirt-with-Lasborough, but it is proposed to arrange a scheme for more frequent collections to cover all parishes in the new year.

The present arrangements are as follows:—

PARISH.					Frequency of Collection.
Ashley	..	..	..	..	Nil.
Avening	..	..	..	..	Weekly
Beverston	..	..	..	..	Monthly.
Boxwell-with-Leighterton	..	..	..	..	Monthly.
Cherington	..	..	..	..	Monthly
Didmarton	..	..	..	..	Monthly
Kingscote	..	..	..	..	Monthly
Long Newnton	..	..	..	..	Monthly
Ozleworth	..	..	..	..	Nil.
Shipton Moyne	..	..	..	..	Monthly
Tetbury	..	..	..	..	Weekly.
Tetbury Upton (parts)	..	..	..	..	Monthly
Westonbirt with Lasborough	..	..	..	..	Nil.

There are eight refuse disposal tips in the area.

269 inspections were carried out in connection with House refuse collection during the year.

SALVAGE.

The amount of salvage collected during the year was as follows :—

MATERIAL.	Tons	1945	1946	1946
			Tons	Value.
Waste Paper	21 $\frac{1}{4}$	25 $\frac{3}{4}$	£160 10 0
Bones	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{3}{4}$	3 15 0
Textiles	2	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	17 15 0
Bottles and Jars	1	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	17 10 0
Metals	3 $\frac{1}{4}$	3	9 10 0
TOTALS		28$\frac{3}{4}$	32$\frac{1}{4}$	£209 0 0

The Council purchased a trailer for the collection of salvage and it is intended to arrange for salvage to be collected at the same time as house refuse in the whole area in the new year, which should increase the amount of material salvaged.

192 inspections in connection with salvage collections were made during the year.

FACTORIES ACT, 1937.

Inspections, for purpose of provisions as to health (including (inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors).

PREMISES.	No. on register.	No. of Inspections.	No. of Written notices.	No. of Occupiers prosecuted.
1. Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities ..	34	20	4	Nil
2. Factories not included in 1. to which Section 7 applies				
(a) Subject to the Local Authorities (Transfer of Enforcement) Order 1938 ..	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
(b) Others ..	18	25	2	Nil.
3. Other premises under the Act (excluding out-workers premises) ..	1	10	Nil.	—
TOTAL	43	55	6	Nil.

2. CASES in which DEFECTS were found :—

PARTICULARS	Number of case in which defects were found :					
	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector.	Referred By H.M. Inspector	No. of cases	No. of cases prosecuted.
Want of cleanliness	4	4	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences :						
(a) insufficient	2	2	—	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective	Nil.	Nil.	—	—	—	—
TOTAL ..	6	6	—	—	—	—

LIST OF FACTORIES :

Building & Civil Eng'ring	1	Furniture Works	..	1
Bootmakers ..	4	Flour Mills ..	..	1
Butchers ..	3	Gas Works ..	..	1
Bakehouses ..	4	Hairdressers ..	..	3
Blacksmiths ..	4	Laundries ..	..	2
Carpenters ..	7	Motor Engineers ..	..	8
Cabinet Makers ..	1	Printers ..	..	1
Engineering ..	2	Tailors ..	..	1
Electrical Engineers ..	6	Quarries ..	..	3

RIVER POLLUTION.

Complaints were received of smells arising from the brook in the vicinity of the Cattle Market and The Splash, Tetbury. A sample was taken from the brook which showed among other things the presence of a small quantity of tar acids. Further investigations are being made into this matter.

SANITARY INSPECTIONS.

Number of inspections made	..	..	..	234
Number of complaints received	..	..	..	112
Nuisances discovered ..	..	..	..	49
Nuisances abated ..	..	..	..	45

HOUSING SURVEY.

Of the 1430 houses of £16 rateable value and under in the district, 938 were inspected and recorded in accordance with the Housing (Consolidation) Regulations, and the recommendations of the Gloucestershire Rural Housing Joint Committee.

The houses fall into the following categories :

Category 1.

Satisfactory in all respects and fit for human habitation .. 142

Category 2.

Houses which fall short of a few of the requirements of category 1, and which can be made fit with minor repairs, probably by informal action 244

Category 3.

Houses requiring repair, structural alteration or improvement, and will be dealt with under sections 9 and 11 of the Housing Act 308

Category 4.

Houses which would normally be dealt with under section 11 of the Housing Act, but which if occupied by Agricultural workers would be eligible for grant under the Housing (Rural Workers) Acts 55

Category 5.

These houses would be dealt with under sections 11 or 25 of the Housing Act, 1936, are unfit for habitation and are beyond repair at reasonable expense 189

The percentage of houses in Category 5 to the number inspected 20%

Number of houses which are overcrowded 25

Informal action in respect of repairs was taken in 22 cases, and 191 visits were made in connection with reinspection and repairs.

COUNCIL HOUSES.

There are 98 Council Houses in the area as follows :—

Ashley	..	..	..	2
Avening	..	..	..	12
Boxwell-with-Leighterton			..	5
Tetbury	..	..	..	79
				—
TOTAL			98	—

372 inspections in connection with repairs and maintenance were made during the year.

Messrs. Holborrow & Son Ltd., Building Contractors, Tetbury, commenced work on the Lowfield Road Housing Site in February. The site comprises the following types of houses :—

Nurse's House	..	..	1	
Aged persons' houses	..	..	4	(1 bedroom)
Three bedroom houses	..	..	23	
Four bedroom houses	..	..	4	
			—	
TOTAL			32	—

The position with regard to this site at the end of the year was :—

Number of houses completed	..	5
„ roofed and plastered	..	5
„ roofed ..	..	4
„ up to eaves level	..	2
„ up to damp proof course	..	16

A further scheme for 85 houses at Chavenage Lane, Tetbury, has been prepared by Messrs. G. Payne & Partners of Gloucester, and has been submitted to the Ministry of Health for approval.

The Council are negotiating with the owner to purchase 10 acres of land in Chavenage Lane, Tetbury, for these houses, the sewerage of which will entail a connection to the Council's existing sewers in Charlton Road, Tetbury. This will enable Chavenage Lane and that portion of Hampton Street not at present sewered, to be connected up and properly drained.

Messrs. G. Payne & Partners have also prepared site and layout plans in respect of Long Newton, Shipton Moyne, Diddington, and Kingscote, where sites have been approved by the Ministry of Health.

NEW BUILDINGS.

The following plans were submitted to the Council for approval :—

Parish	New Houses.	Alterations and Conversions.	Miscellaneous additions.
Ashley	—	—	1
Avening	2	2	5
Beverston	—	1	1
Boxwell-with-Leighterton	—	2	2
Didmarton	—	1	2
Kingscote	—	—	1
Long Newnton	—	2	—
Shipton Moyne	—	—	3
Tetbury	1	—	15
Tetbury Upton	2	—	—
Westonbirt-with-Lasborough	—	4	3
Cherington	—	—	—
	5	9	20
			33

During the year the following private enterprise houses were completed :—

Shipton Moyne ..	..	..	4
Tetbury Upton ..	..	..	2

Twelve derelict houses, or other buildings, were converted into dwelling houses during the year.

BUILDING LICENCES.

The licensing of Civil Building on behalf of the Ministry of Works has entailed a substantial amount of work during the year.

Number of licences issued together with the necessary certificates	264
Number of W.B.A. Priority Certificates issued	16
Number of inspections made in connection with new buildings and licensing	517

MILK AND DAIRIES.

Thirty visits to premises under this heading were made in connection with repairs, alterations, etc.

Number of retail producers	..	..	25
Number of Producers	..	..	49
Number of retail purveyors	..	..	2
			—
TOTAL			76
			—

Number of samples taken for analysis, 6.

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

All slaughtering for this area is carried out in an adjoining district.

38 visits were made to food premises including butchers' shops. In one case, the requirements of Section 13 of the Food and Drugs Act were not complied with, but this was remedied by informal action.

The following food was condemned as unfit for human consumption :—

Tinned Meat	..	..	..	32 tins
Tinned vegetables and fruit	..	..	..	50 „
Tinned fish	..	..	..	44 „
Tinned Milk	..	..	..	24 „
Other foods including dried fruit, barley, cheese, fish, butter, meat pies	..	..	..	2cwt. 2 qrs. 12 lbs.

